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By His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden Esquire
Captain General, Governor, and Commander in
Chief, in and over the State of Vermont
A PROCLAMATION

It being a Dictate of Reason and Religion, that all Men should acknowledge their Dependence on the supreme Governor of the World and manifest their Gratitude to Him, who is the Author of their Mercies, by uniting in the Exercises of religious Adoration;

I have therefore thought fit, by, and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Request of the General Assembly, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint Thursday the Fifth day of December next to be observed as a day of public Thanksgiving and Praise throughout this State.

And I do call upon, and recommend to all Persons of every Denomination, residing within this State, to assemble on said day, at their usual Places of Public Worship, and with Hearts suitably impressed with a sense of Divine Goodness to offer up to Almighty GOD, their Tribute of Thanksgiving and Praise, that he hath ordered the Seasons of the Year in so much Mercy to this People; — that no mortal, contagious Disease hath been permitted to prevail as in a sister State; but that to general a measure of Health hath been preserved; — that Peace and

Tranquillity have prevailed in the State; - that the Blessings of Government, Peace, and Liberty, have been preserved to the People; that so general Prosperity and Success have attended the Government and public affairs of the United States; - that notwithstanding the Machenations of many who have been enabled to prevent Peace, with the contending Powers in Europe; - and, above all, for the manifold Blessings of Grace which have conferred on us through the glorious Dispensation of the Gospel. And while they thus gratefully express the Feelings of their Hearts towards the Benevolent Ruler of the Universe, for his manifold Favors. It is also recommended to them to renounce their sins and earnestly to supplicate the Divine Favor; to implore the Divine Blessing on their Country, on the Church of Christ, and upon all the Nations of the Earth; that Wars and Commotions may cease; that Liberty, Peace and good Order may universally prevail; that all may be Partakers of Divine Grace, and rejoice in the salvation of GOD.

Given under my hand in Council, at Windsor this 24th day of October in the year of our Lord 1793. and in the seventeenth year of our Independence

By his Excellency's Command — Thomas Chittenden

Joseph Tracy

GOD. SAVE THE PEOPLE